

RECYCLING AND WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

VILLAGE CURBSIDE GARBAGE PICKUP

Garbage pick up is Tuesday mornings. Garbage cans should be tightly covered and placed at the curbside Monday evenings after 4 pm. Please limit cans to 30 gallon size.

Leaves are picked up curbside on Wednesdays from October through early December. If you are putting leaves in plastic bags do not tie the bag closed. The Highway crew will empty the bags in the truck and leave the leaf bags for further use. You can also avoid using bags altogether by collecting leaves in garbage cans.

Brush can be left with leaves on Wednesday during the fall leaf season. Brush must be tied in manageable lengths of no longer than four feet.

Christmas trees can be placed near the curb after Christmas and the Village will collect them. Please remove all tinsel and plastic coverings.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE VILLAGE CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Friday is recycling day in the Village. Recycling materials should be deposited in a recycling container and placed at the curbside Thursday evening after 4 pm for pick-up the following morning. If a container is needed the Village can supply one for \$15, but any similar holder can be used.

Curbside non-paper recyclables are limited to: glass bottles and jars, plastics (without caps) marked 1 or 2, aluminum and steel cans, and foil pans. All items must be rinsed clean. Milk and water jugs, and soap containers should have their lids removed and be flattened. Please don't put recyclables in plastic bags or they will not be picked up.

Curbside paper recyclables include almost all paper and cardboard products: newspapers and cardboard, clean food boxes, rinsed cardboard milk and juice containers, catalogues, phonebooks, magazines and junk mail. Any plastic inserts or attachments in junk mail must be removed. Boxes and containers contaminated with food are not accepted. Newspapers should be tied securely with twine or strong cord in 8" to 10" high bundles. Cardboard must be cut and tied securely in bundles in a similar manner to newspapers. Junk mail, clean food boxes, and other paper items can be placed in either a paper bag or cardboard box and then bound with twine. Paper that is not secured with twine often gets loose and will not be accepted. Please do not use tape, rope, nylon stockings, knitting yarn or wire to tie the bundles or put either tied papers or cardboard in plastic bags or the bundles will not be picked up. Also, do not place bundles in the recycling container.

The Village curbside recycling program does not include: aerosol cans, bottle caps, ceramics, coat hangers, dishes, diapers, drinking glasses, fish bowls, flower pots, foam

plastics, gas cans, jar lids, headlights, laundry baskets, light bulbs, mirrors, motor oil jugs, paint cans, plastic bags, plastic toys, pots, pans, Pyrex glass, window glass, or scrap metal items.

ADDITIONAL RECYCLING AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Batteries- Most AA, AAA, C, D and 9 volt batteries are safe to dispose of in the garbage. Rechargeable, button cell (camera) and lead acid (car) batteries must be disposed of at the Putnam County Household Hazardous Waste Day. In addition, car batteries can be disposed of at junk yards and retail outlets that sell them and rechargeable batteries can be turned in at Radio Shack. The Village is looking into accepting button cell and rechargeable batteries at a drop point. Check this space for updates.

Cell Phones/ Printer Cartridges- These items can be turned in at the Putnam County Household Hazardous Waste Day. (Refer to the Press Release section of the Putnam County Health Department at <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/index.htm> for announcements) Many organizations are collecting them as well as a method to raise funds and save money on new printer cartridges. Locally, cell phones and printer cartridges can be recycled at Haldane Central School. The cartridges and phones can be handed in at any of the Haldane offices, Elementary, Middle and High School and processed by the Library Department. When dropping them off please indicate that they are to go to the library.

Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs - These types of light bulbs are not to be disposed in the garbage, but turned in at the Putnam County Household Hazardous Waste Day. The Village is currently looking into collecting them as well. Check this spot for updated information. To avoid breakage of the used bulb you can place it in the plastic packaging of the replacement bulb. Then mark the package to indicate that the bulb is used.

Composting – Composting is another method to cut down on the waste flow that the Village pays to send to landfills. It is also a way to create fertilizer for your garden. A local ad-hoc group buys and sells composters at cost from time to time. To find out more e-mail emrosenthal@optonline.net

Computer monitors, televisions, electronics- Please check the Putnam County Health Department website <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/index.htm> for announcements on the next scheduled Putnam County Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Furniture and other large items- The Town of Philipstown conducts a town-wide clean-up each spring and fall. The location is usually either the North Highlands Fire House on Fishkill Road or the Garrison Fire House on Route 9. Call the Town Clerk's office for more information at (845) 265-3329, or check this website once the dates have been announced.

Metal and white goods recycling- You can recycle metal and white good products such as washing machines, refrigerators with doors removed and freon-free air conditioners at

the Philipstown Landfill on Lane Gate Road on the second Saturday of every month from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm. A permit must be obtained in advance from the Town of Philipstown Clerk. There is a charge of \$2 per car load, or \$5 per truck load. Call the Town Clerk's office if you have any questions at (845) 265-3329.

Paint- Kitty litter can be added to Latex paint that is still liquid as a way of solidifying it. The solid paint can then be disposed of in the garbage. Oil-based paint can be disposed of at the Putnam County Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Plastic shopping bags- Several area stores accept plastic bags including Wal-Mart, Hannaford Market, and Foodtown Supermarket.

PUTNAM COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RECYCLING

Hazardous waste items such as electronics, computer monitors, oil-based paints, solvents, thinners, and household chemicals can be disposed of at a free Putnam County Household Hazardous Waste Day. Pre-registration is required, call the Putnam County Health Department at the number below. The time and location for the hazardous waste cleanup varies. Generally, one is held in October on this side of the County at Fahnestock State Park, Canopus Beach parking lot and one in May in Carmel. For more information call the Putnam County Health Department at (845) 278-6130 in early September for the fall date, or early April for the May date. You can also check this website or the Putnam County Health Department site at <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/index.htm> for announcements.

RECYCLING HINTS

Buying plastic cups that are marked 1 or 2 will allow you to recycle them as opposed to throwing them out in the garbage.

Using paper bags when shopping will give you containers for holding recycled paper and cardboard.

Reusing plastic shopping bags or using reusable mesh or canvass bags saves on the fuel used to make the bags and cuts down on landfill garbage.